

February 5, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Fred Carpenter, Wickenburg, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, February 13, 2002 - noon (Meeting will begin promptly at noon)  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

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The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
February 13, 2002**

		<b><u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Approval of January 16, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	3. Review and approve January 16, 2002 meeting minutes.
4.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	4. For information.
5.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	5. For information and discussion.
6.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	6. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEM PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\*****AIR QUALITY ITEM****\*7. Conformity Consultation**

The Regional Public Transportation Authority has requested an amendment for seven transit projects in the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment is necessary to revise funding and scheduling for right-of-way acquisition, final design, and construction for fixed guideway corridor projects. In addition, an amendment is required to add two Maricopa County projects to the TIP for FY 2002: Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit. MAG has reviewed the projects and has found that the project revisions and new projects do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. For consultation.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS****8. Discussion of Federal Transportation Funding for FY 2002 to 2007 (10 minutes)**

Preliminary information received from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) related to federal transportation funding for FY 2003 indicates that the actual appropriations for FY 2003 may be substantially below estimates used to develop both the MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the ADOT Five-Year Highway Construction Program. In addition, ADOT has prepared new Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) projections that are lower than the previous forecast and has reviewed other financial aspects of the ADOT program. A report will be provided to the members of the Management Committee regarding the latest financial information.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Initial and Interim Closeouts of the FY 2002 MAG Federally Funded Program (5 minutes)

Each year, MAG uses a closeout process to ensure that all of the federal funds for the current federal fiscal year are spent (obligated). As part of the process, member agencies notify MAG by March 1, 2002 of any current year projects that may need to be carried forward for one year. Projects that have been previously carried forward are not eligible for being carried forward a second year. When the initial closeout balance is known and the carry forward projects are totaled, member agencies will be notified of the Interim Closeout balance and projects will be requested to use the funding. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (5 minutes)

The Federal Transit Administration has indicated that the amount of federal transit funding (Section 5309), for the Light Rail Project in the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) needs to be reduced to reflect the actual amount of Section 5309 – Discretionary Funding appropriated for 2002. To maintain the project schedule, local funds need to be increased in 2003-2006 to offset the reduction of federal funds. The increased amount of local funds will be repaid by federal funds in FYs 2007-2011, as permitted by FTA. An amendment to the FY 2003-2006 MAG TIP is needed to reflect the projects' most recent financial plan. In addition to these changes, an amendment is required to add two Maricopa County projects to the TIP for FY 2002: Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit. On January 29, 2002, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. For information and discussion.

10. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the revised financial plan for the Light Rail Project, and to add two Maricopa County projects to the TIP: the Work Links and Southwest Inter-City Transit projects.

**GENERAL ITEM****11. Conducting a 2005 Special Census or Using an Estimate to Gauge Mid-Decade Population (10 minutes)**

In 1985 and 1995, MAG contracted with the Census Bureau to conduct a mid-decade special census for this region. In 1985 the cost of the Special Census was \$3.5 million, in 1995 it was about \$9 million, and in 2005 the Census Bureau has provided an early estimate of about \$30 million. In 1995, half of the census cost was paid using MAG federal transportation funds and half using through a MAG member agency assessment. If a special census is anticipated for 2005, it would be prudent to collect the federal funds and local assessments over a four year time period. Due to the escalating cost of the census, staff has been exploring alternatives to conducting a full census. Please refer to the enclosed material.

**11. Information and discussion of undertaking a 2005 Special Census or an alternative to the Special Census.**